



HOW WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ESTABLISHED 1968

Head Teacher: Mrs C Rowe  
Newsletter 3



18<sup>th</sup> November 2021

***'When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow we gave our today.'***

*John Maxwell Edmonds  
(English classicist, poet and dramatist)*



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very busy at school since my last newsletter; look at what the children have been doing:

- Harvest Festival
- Year 4 trip to the Ashmolean Museum
- Year 4 woodland walk
- Year 5 Parent Assembly
- Watford Football Club Trust Inclusion and Diversity in Sport workshops for Key Stage two and a whole school assembly with guest speakers from the FA
- Wear Red Day raising £315.85 (final count) for Show Racism the Red Card Charity
- Year 3 trip to Lee Valley to enrich their Stone Age topic
- Year 3 Stone Age 'Wow' afternoon making jewellery and Stone Age art
- Year 6 trip to Cadbury World enriching their Mayan topic
- Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo linked to science
- Key Stage One, Diwali 'Wow' Day
- Police & Fire Service visit to EYFS – 'People Who Help Us'
- Mark Ormrod MBE visit to Year 4
- Year 5 six-week STEM sessions at Haberdasher's School
- Year 6 swimming at Haberdasher's School
- Park Street Remembrance Service

This week we have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week, wearing odd socks on Monday and focusing on anti-bullying today, creating 'One Kind Word' messages to display in school. We are also raising money for Children in Need, selling merchandise and donating £1 to 'Dress to Express'.

### **Curriculum Statement**

Please read How Wood School's Curriculum Statement which we have recently published on our website.

The curriculum at How Wood Primary School & Nursery is thoughtfully adapted to meet the needs of the children at our school. Our curriculum is regularly reviewed to ensure best practice and is designed to be relevant and meaningful for all our children, while at the same time encouraging curiosity and igniting ambition.

This year the merging of History and Geography to Topic has provided the platform to create learning that is culturally rich, diverse and relevant for our children. We are currently revising our Music, Art and Design & Technology provision to strengthen the links with Topic and deepen and broaden our children's learning experience and wider understanding.

We strive to ensure that all children and stakeholders are represented in our curriculum and continue to develop subject content that enriches our children's cultural capital. We endeavour to provide opportunities for all children to 'see themselves' within our curriculum and our school environment so that they have a true sense of belonging, allowing them to be secure, achieve and thrive. We do this in many ways and believe the power of storytelling, in its many forms, is a wonderful way to achieve this.

*Stories are the roots and shoots of our very being. They are how we learn to relate, remember, and grow. The best stories allow us to blossom. When we do not see ourselves reflected in the stories around us, or when our stories are withheld, or excluded, we cannot feel a sense of belonging.*

*We are neither at home with ourselves, in our communities, or in our institutions. I privilege the stories that allow us all to be seen and heard. When a story speaks to us, it is because we have found something of ourselves in that story.*

*Samantha Adams  
Dramatherapist & Storyteller*

## **Park Street Remembrance Service**

On Sunday 14th November, Ruben and Sophie in Year 6 laid a wreath on the behalf of How Wood School at the Remembrance Ceremony in Park Street. The children were part of the procession and showed great dignity and respect as they lay our wreath. They also recited the poem 'Poppy, Poppy' beautifully. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruben and Sophie for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.



## Save Our World Club



*"We have started to make Save Our World Posters and some will be displayed in school when they are finished. Last week, we talked about 'Save Our World Tips' and showed the group examples. This week, we discussed use of plastic and single use plastic. We created questions for the group to answer that made them think about plastic on our world."* Amber & Ava Year 3

## Wear Red Day

We were thrilled to hear that we won second prize in the Wear Red Day school prize draw. We won:

£300 Mitre Sports Training Kit for Netball, Football and Rugby  
100 Show Racism the Red Card Books

Well done How Wood!

## St Albans Rainbow Trail

We were delighted to be invited to take part in the St Albans Rainbow Trail Community Rangoli Art Project! The event ran from the 4 -7th November at St Albans Museum and Gallery in celebration of Diwali, Festival of Lights and showcased the giant rangoli design with contributions from several local schools including How Wood Primary School.

**Thankyou**

**Preet Cox**  
Event Organiser  
&  
Community group founder of  
**St Albans Rainbow Trail**

Would like to thank

**Sarah Keeling**, Curator at St Albans Museum + Gallery

**Lee Wood**, Ember Designs

Artists **Sumanjit K Johal and Shreena Patel**

Schools

**Skyswood Primary and Nursery School**  
**Aboyne Lodge Primary and Nursery School**  
**Bernards Heath Infants and Nursery School**  
**How Wood Primary School and Nursery**  
**Wheatfields Infants and Nursery School**  
**Garden Fields JMI School**  
**Alban City School**

Members of **St Albans Rainbow Trail Community Group**



**Rangoli Installation**



## Praise Postcards



Oscar Kemp, Phoebe Winch and Rowan Mumford in Year 3; Maya Bourne & Ralph Pangborne in Year 5 and Archie Spink in Reception have all received Praise Postcards this half term for excellent learning. Well done!

## Head Teacher's Award

Ruben and Sophie received a Head Teacher's Award for being amazing ambassadors for How Wood School, representing our community with pride at Park Street Remembrance Service. Well done & thank you.



## Healthy Lifestyles



*Over the past few weeks, I have been carefully monitoring school dinners and asking children their likes and dislikes. We are very lucky to have a great school cook who is willing to go the extra mile to provide delicious and nutritious meals in school. We will be sending out a new, slightly modified, menu in the next few weeks where some changes have been made. The new, improved menu will begin in January 2022. Mrs Reed*

## Sporting News

### Football

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 6 Team: Aboyne Lodge - Home – Score 2 - 1 to How Wood

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 5 Team: Aboyne Lodge - Away - Score 3 - 1 to Aboyne Lodge

### PE email

Please use this email address to contact Mrs Barnes in reference to sport and PE.

The email is [peteacher@howwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:peteacher@howwood.herts.sch.uk)

## Staff Appreciation Board

The following staff & members of the How Wood School community have been recognised since the last newsletter:

*"I just wanted to pass on my sincere appreciation for the efforts of the staff (and other Governors) in helping the PTA make the discos such a success. It is fantastic that it is a true PTA with such strong staff involvement and visibility at these events. We truly appreciate their dedication and enthusiasm especially coming out of COVID where all social events are that bit more chaotic!"*



Recognised by: Mrs Winch

Please send your message to: [head@howwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@howwood.herts.sch.uk). Thank you.

I have included a list of key dates for the term. Further information about the various forthcoming events will be sent out to relevant classes.

### Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

New dates in red

#### Dairy Dates

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Toyshop Workshop & Science Habitats Workshop
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 12pm to 3pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to St Albans Arena Pantomime – Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal to parents/carers 9.30am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Evening Performance 5.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christingle – Y3 parents invited 10.30am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December - Finish at 1.30pm	Last day of term - Dress Down Friday

#### Assemblies

Parents are invited to their child's class assembly at 9am. Year 1 and Year 2 will not be sharing an assembly as they will be performing an end of year Christmas production.

Date	Class	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Year 4	Parent Assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Assembly	Parent Assembly
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Assembly	Parent Assembly
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3	Parent Assembly

## How Wood School Term and Holiday Dates 2021/2022

### Autumn Term

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Children back to school: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021

INSET Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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### Spring Term

INSET Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Children back to school: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Half term: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Children back to school: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

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### Summer Term

Children back to school: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

May Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Additional Occasional Day due to Queen's Jubilee: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Half term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Children back to school: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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### Autumn Term

INSET Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Children back to school: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Children back to school: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Occasional Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

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### Spring Term

Children back to school: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Children back to school: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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INSET Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July